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SUBJECT: STARR'S MOTHER TO MAKE EASTER APPEAL

1. ON HER OWN INITIATIVE, MRS. JENSEN PREPARED FOLLOW-
ING APPEAL TO KIDNAPPERS OF HER SON: QUOTE:

AT THIS EASTER SEASON, I APPEAL TO THE PEOPLE WHO ARE
HOLDING MY SON, RICHARD STARR. I HAVE HAD NO WORD ABOUT
HIM SINCE HE WAS SEIZED IN LAMACARENA ON FEBRUARY 14. I
FEEL SURE YOU REALIZE BY NOW THAT HE IS A SCIENTIST WITH
THE PEACE CORPS AND HAS NO OTHER PURPOSE THAN TO HELP
THE COLOMBIAN PEOPLE THROUGH HIS BOTANICAL FIELD WORK.

I AM SURE RICHARD HAS REMAINED CALM AND PATIENT FOR
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THE SEVEN WEEKS THAT HE HAS BEEN HELD. BUT I KNOW THAT
HE HAS ALSO BEEN SICK AND NEEDS MEDICAL ATTENTION. I HAVE
TRIED TO SEND MEDICINE AND CLOTHING THROUGH THE RED CROSS
AND HOPE THOSE WHO HOLD HIM WILL SEE THAT HE GETS THESE
THINGS, WHICH ARE SO IMPORTANT TO HIS WELFARE.

I HOPE WITH ALL MY HEART THAT I MAY RECEIVE SOME WORD

OF HIS WELL BEING AND THAT HE WILL BE RELEASED SOON. END
QUOTE

2. MRS. JENSEN INTENDS TO DISCUSS APPEAL WITH AMBASSADOR SANCHEZ IN WASHINGTON DURING A. M. APRIL 6 AND FLY HOME TO SEATTLE DURING P.M. SHE HAS SCHEDULED PRESS CONFERENCE FOR 0930 PACIFIC STANDARD TIME ON FRIDAY, APRIL 8 AT WHICH TIME SHE WILL READ APPEAL AND ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WHO ARE IN ATTENDANCE. PRESS CONFERENCE WILL TAKE PLACE AT ACTION HEADQUARTERS IN SEATTLE AND WILL BE PRESIDED OVER BY ACTION REPRESENTATIVE. (FYI - A PRESS RELATIONS OFFICER IN THE OFFICE OF REP. LLOYD MEEDS, MRS. JENSEN'S CONGRESSMAN, HAS BEEN HELPING TO ARRANGE THE LOGISTICS FOR THE PRESS CONFERENCE. END FYI.)

3. TEXT OF MRS. JENSEN'S APPEAL WILL BE TAPED BY VOA WHICH PLANS TO USE IT IN SPANISH LANGUAGE NEWS BROADCASTS TO LATIN AMERICA BEGINNING EVENING APRIL 8 AND WILL PROVIDE TAPE TO COLOMBIAN RADIO STATIONS. ITEM WILL ALSO BE RUN IN WIRELESS FILE AND HOPEFULLY PICKED UP BY MEDIA IN COLOMBIA. WE WOULD APPRECIATE PAO DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO SEE THAT MRS. JENSEN'S APPEAL IS UTILIZED BY COLOMBIA MEDIA.

4. COMMENT: GIVEN FACT THAT SEVEN WEEKS HAVE PASSED WITHOUT WORD FROM KIDNAPPERS, WE BELIEVE THAT MRS. JENSEN'S APPEAL IS TIMELY AND APPROPRIATE. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT IT COULD BE USEFUL IN COMMUNICATING TO STARR THAT HE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAS NOT BEEN FORGOTTEN. WHILE IT MAY NOT HAVE ANY REAL IMPACT ON FARC, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS APPEAL COULD DO ANY HARM. END COMMENT.

5. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO ASSURE THAT APPROPRIATE GOC OFFICIALS ARE MADE AWARE OF MRS. JENSEN'S APPEAL.
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